

May 16, 2005

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WALLA WALL COUNTY  
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Subject: Complaint Filed Against James D. Leid - PDC Case #05-104

Dear Mr. Bauer:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) staff has completed its investigation of your complaint, received October 20, 2004, alleging that James Leid, a candidate for Walla Walla County Commissioner, failed to timely report his campaign activity, an alleged violation of RCW 42.17.080 and .090.

The PDC staff reviewed your allegation in light of the following statutes:

**RCW 42.17.080 and .090** require candidates to file timely, accurate reports of contributions and expenditures on PDC form C-4. Reports of monetary contributions are filed on PDC form C-3 and must include details concerning individual contributors.

You alleged that the James Leid campaign did not timely report its contributions and expenditures prior to October 18, 2004.

We found that:

- James Leid filed a Candidate Registration Statement (PDC form C-1) on August 25, 2004 declaring his candidacy for Walla Walla County Commissioner. He was in an uncontested primary and advanced to the general election.
- On October 19, 2004, the day after you filed your complaint, the Leid Campaign filed three C-4 reports, including the 21-day pre-primary report, the 7-day pre-primary report and the 21-day pre-general report. In addition, the campaign filed eleven C-3 reports. Dan G. Bickelhaupt, treasurer for the Leid Campaign, stated that he had failed to timely file the required reports due to medical and work related issues.
- The 21-day pre-primary C-4 report disclosed \$325 in expenditures, and the 7-day pre-primary C-4 report disclosed \$878 in expenditures. The 21-day pre-general C-4 report was filed seven days late and disclosed \$237 in expenditures.

- The eleven C-3 reports filed on October 19, 2004 disclosed contributions deposited between August 16 and October 15, 2004, for deposits totaling \$4,455. The remaining contribution and expenditure reports were filed timely.
- On November 12, 2004, you sent a letter to the PDC stating that because Mr. Leid had immediately filed the appropriate public disclosure reports on discovery of his violation, you were satisfied that the intent of the Public Disclosure Law had been satisfied, and asked that the case against Mr. Leid be dismissed.

While the Leid Campaign failed to timely report contribution and expenditure activities until October 19, 2004, you have withdrawn your complaint, late reported contributions and expenditures were limited, and Mr. Leid was a first time candidate. However, should Mr. Leid run again as a candidate, complete and timely compliance will be expected.

After a careful review of the alleged violations and relevant facts, we have concluded our investigation and, with the concurrence of the Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, I am dismissing your complaint against the James Leid campaign.

If you have questions, please contact Phil Stutzman, Director of Compliance, at (360) 664-8853 or toll free at 1-877-601-2828.

Sincerely,

Vicki Rippie  
Executive Director

c: James D. Leid